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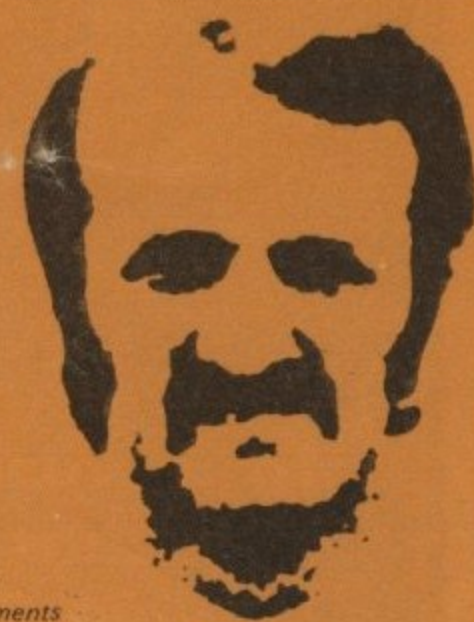
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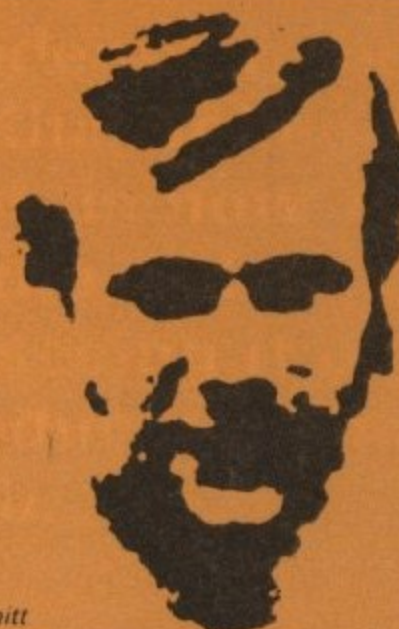
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# HARRY HASLAM



Taking pre-Christmas stock of the club's 50 per cent completed League programme—before Saturday's game with Middlesbrough because of printing deadlines—I can look back on the first half of a testing campaign for Luton Town and find it easy to express my confidence and satisfaction in the team.

Harry Haslam is happy, right enough, and I felt, like everyone else should, that I have reason to enjoy Christmas just as much as usual. But for anyone to interpret such an introduction this afternoon to mean that I am SATISFIED would be guilty of a gross misapprehension. From a very early point in the season, the lads worked their way into the upper reaches of the table and, by and large, they have stayed there. That, in a nutshell, is no small achievement, especially when one considers that there are a number of us who are working together for the very first time.

It would be pleasant and more encouraging for our supporters if we occupied the same lofty position which Burnley are presently enjoying. But I think it's a fair point that their success is a result of effort spread over a longer term than is the current case at Kenilworth Road.

No one has a higher number of away wins than Luton in the Four Divisions and, I am sure, if luck had not consistently flowed against us when we have been trying to find the same form at home, we might easily have been treading on Burnley's toes at this moment.

A classic case of the breaks which have repeatedly served to undermine our confidence made its unwelcome appearance in our very last home game against Millwall. John Aston scored what, I considered, to be a perfectly legitimate goal and, had it counted, it would have given us a 3-0 lead. But it was ruled out for off-side, a mistake, I contend, which unnerved the side.

Study our three games in the League Cup—all against Birmingham City. Any one who saw the first two exercises against this First Division club could not fail to argue that they were lucky to survive. And when we proved the more convincing side for the third time—a claim verified by press reports—it was our mis-fortune to lose in the end.

Granted, good sides can make their own luck. But, to be fair, I think it's a little early for supporters to expect us to be in this category—yet. Judging by the reaction of our supporters who watched the Millwall game, I think they may share some of my feeling that Luton are an unlucky club.

They got behind the team to try and help them forget and both the lads and myself want to thank them for it.

Millwall went home happy, because we faded and they took advantage of this weakness. But I maintain that our football was right, the attitude and application was sound and Roy McCrohan and myself are confident that if extra stability is harnessed to our skill and ability, we shall really be able to look after ourselves in the second half of the League programme.

I am hoping that the absence of skipper John Ryan for our two Christmas matches will not act as another expensive link in the chain of incidence which prevents us from striking a successful and buoyant spell. John is forced to miss these games through suspension. When I read last week about the new 'skipper only' approach to the referee, it brought a wry smile because this is exactly the role John was undertaking when he was booked.

He did not understand a decision and questioned the reason for it. There was no bitterness—but he was booked and booted, unfairly, out of two critical games. Sometimes, it is difficult for a player to interpret the referee's idea of the rule book. He can only find this out by asking him for clarification when the player is not too clear on an issue. But after what John Ryan has earned—will he now be reticent to enquire in order to understand the official's own ideas?

We welcome Sheffield Wednesday this afternoon and their manager, Derek Dooley, one of the nicest characters in the game. But he brings a side with whom we have rather a large score to settle and if they feel as confident about repeating it as we do of taking our revenge, it will be a non-stop soccer show for 90 minutes.

A Happy New Year to all at Luton. It's traditional to make resolutions at this particular time in the year and if I am asked to make one I think it would be fitting to say—"I hope to give up being so generous at home in 1973!"

Harry Haslam was talking to Norton Jones



Illustrated above is the new Luton Town club badge. This was the winning design to find a replacement for the previous badge which through difficulties of copyright, we were no longer able to use. After giving a tremendous amount of consideration to the many designs submitted, the Board of Directors finally chose the one

entered by Keith Brown of 92 Runley Road, Luton, and Robin Beuscher of 34 Cromwell Road, Luton, who are both students in the Art department at the College of Technology. This is now the official badge of the club and you will shortly be seeing it on all the range of products connected with the club.

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There is no finer sight in British football than to see big crowds packing Sheffield Wednesday's magnificent stadium.

With nearly 25,000 seats and the most modern amenities, the ground stands as a tribute to the club's enterprise and the tragedy is that the fullhouses at Hillsborough generally come when Wednesday aren't playing themselves.

For the last 15 years or so, they have staged an F.A. Cup semi-final and that is the one game a season which generally tests the smooth administrative set-up organised by general manager Eric Taylor.

Relegation at the end of the 1969-70 season was a savage blow to a club which faced the Second Division with First Division overheads. In their first year in the lower section, gates averaged only 18,000, even though there was a 49,000 crowd for the derby with their promoted neighbours, Sheffield United.

The situation has improved this season as manager Derek Dooley's promotion plans continue to unfold and an early run of six consecutive home wins.

By the time they came to play Burnley on 14th October, Wednesday were disputing the leadership with their Lancashire rivals and Hillsborough received a bumper gate of 30,197. It was a jarring blow to lose that match and spark off a run of 11 games which showed only one win—against Middlesbrough.

In two, short months all the bright work of August and September was placed in jeopardy and it began to seem that Wednesday were losing hope of returning to the First Division next Spring. Defensive uncertainty—costing a 4-1 defeat at Cardiff and a 3-2 slip at Orient—added to the attacking problems caused by injuries to top scorer Brian Joicey and the highly promising Mick Prendergast.

Mr Dooley admitted to being worried—"Any manager must if his team isn't at the top"—but stated that he had every confidence in the side's ability to bounce back.

The Wednesday manager took action to stiffen the defence early in December when a fee of around £10,000 bought the experience of Scottish full-back Jim Craig. After playing in South Africa this summer, Craig returned home to find Mr Dooley chasing his services and, at 29, he was happy to take his chance in English football.

"I've never had any problems of weight, injury or fitness," he said. "I reckon I have a good few years left yet and I hope, in some small way, to help Sheffield Wednesday."

# TALKING ABOUT SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY



Wednesday hope that Craig is a big a bargain as their last capture from Scotland—former Rangers and Scotland winger Willie Henderson, who also found his way to Sheffield, via South Africa. Surprisingly given a free transfer after 11 years with Rangers, the "Wee Blue Train"—as he was known at Ibrox—accepted an invitation to meet Mr Dooley on his return from South Africa.

In building for the new season, Mr Dooley also put out the 'Welcome' mat to their former stars—centre-half Peter Swan and striker David 'Bronco' Lane—who were freed from F.A. suspension after seven years out of the game.

"I was impressed by their determination to make up for the lost years," said Mr Dooley. "The game has changed, but they were in a team near the top of the First Division and they still have football brains."

Another old Wednesday favourite—wing-half Peter Eustace—also returned to the fold this season. After a big-money transfer to West Ham, he was happy to return to the North on loan and he was transferred on a permanent basis in November.

Mr Dooley is also reaping the benefit of a sound youth policy and Wednesday are expecting big things from an 18-year-old striker, Roger Wylde, who made his debut recently and scored his first League goal in the draw against Millwall.

With such a youthful air about the staff—and a nice blend of flair and experience—Wednesday have obviously built the basis for promotion. Whether it can happen this season depends on them striking a long winning run almost immediately.

The Sheffield public are impatient for the club to get back to the top status. They have seen the team slowly fall into decline since the 1966 Cup Final against Everton and relegation—for the fourth time since the war—caught them up during the 18 months reign of Danny Williams as manager. Arriving from Swindon, he took over a sliding team and could not apply the brakes.

(Back): Derek Dooley (manager), Peter Swan, Steven Downes (now Chesterfield), David Sunley, Alan Thompson, Peter Grummitt, Peter Rodrigues, Peter Springett, Colin Prohett, Sammy Todd, Paul Taylor, Jimmy Mullen, Ron Staniforth (trainer). (Front): Mick Prendergast, Kenny Burton, Jackie Sinclair, Roy Coyle, David Clements, John Holsgrove, Brian Joicey, John Sissons, Tommy Craig, Willie Henderson, Eddie Prudham, Eric Potts.

## SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY HISTORY...

Founded: 1867. Elected to League Division Two: 1892. Ground: Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 1SW. Record Attendance: 72,841 against Manchester City (F.A. Cup), 1934. Division One Champions: 1902-03, 1903-04, 1928-29, 1929-30. Runners-up: 1960-61. Division Two Champions: 1899-1900, 1925-26, 1951-52, 1955-56, 1958-59. Runners-up: 1949-50. F.A. Cup Winners: 1896, 1907, 1935. Runners-up: 1890, 1966.

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Season	Div	Posn	W	P	Season	Div	Posn	W	P
1971-72	2	14th	13	38	1966-67	1	11th	14	41
1970-71	2	15th	12	36	1965-66	1	17th	14	36
1969-70	1	22nd	8	25	1964-65	1	8th	16	43
1968-69	1	15th	10	36	1963-64	1	6th	19	49
1967-68	1	19th	11	34	1962-63	1	6th	19	48

LUTON v WEDNESDAY—(Past League results)...

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Best Win:
Home	13	6	4	3	24	18	16	5-1 (away) in 1970-71.
Away	14	1	4	9	11	35	6	Worst defeat:
Total	27	7	8	12	35	53	22	6-0 (away) in 1899-1900.



# MANAGER CAPTAIN

The football world of Derek Dooley could have been shattered for all time by the Deepdale tragedy in the early Fifties . . . the day when Sheffield Wednesday's brilliant young centre-forward broke a leg in colliding with Preston goalkeeper George Thompson. Complications set in and the Hillsborough folk were stunned by the news that the leg was amputated.

Dooley, scorer of a club record 46 goals in 1951-52, was forced out of the game for nine years, but he could not forget football—or Sheffield Wednesday. He went back to the club in 1962 to run the Development Fund and also turned his eyes towards management when attending a course for potential managers.

Then, early in 1971, Wednesday gave him the opportunity he couldn't turn down. They appointed him as manager in succession to Danny Williams.

Derek had already gathered experience by running Wednesday's Northern Intermediate League side and had taken junior teams on to the Continent. But some people thought his step-up to the manager's chair was an emotional appointment.

This was dismissed by Wednesday general manager Eric Taylor, who had originally signed Dooley in 1947. "No club picks a manager because he might be born under a lucky star or might have some magical mission in life."

Derek Dooley has since given Wednesday every reason to believe they made a sound choice. In a comparatively short time, he has drastically re-shaped the Hillsborough playing staff and, although recent lapses may spoil promotion hopes in the long run, there is no doubt Wednesday are playing with flair and ambition.

Skipper John Holsgrove acts for the players when he says of Dooley: "He speaks his mind and we respect him for it."



**CAPTAIN  
JOHN  
HOLSGROVE**

John Holsgrove, the six foot-plus general of the Sheffield Wednesday defence knows all about the demands of bidding for promotion from the Second Division . . . and is confident that he will soon be in an up-graded side for the second time in his career.

Born in Southwark, London, John received his first experience of League action with Crystal Palace in the Second Division and it was during that period that his potential was mentally logged by former England centre-forward Ronnie Allen.

Allen, the ex-Albion player who later played and coached at Crystal Palace, made Holsgrove one of his first targets when he became manager of Wolves at a time when the Molineux club were in an after-depression of relegation in 1965.

For a fee of around £18,000 Allen gained a young defender who continued to improve in the two seasons it took Wolves to get back to the First Division. By the time they resumed top status, Holsgrove was showing the best form of his career and was an ever-present in Wolves' 1967-68 line-up.

In those days, Holsgrove played alongside centre-half Dave Woodfield, but he later displaced Woodfield in the number five spot. He was a regular choice until the 1970-71 season when Scottish international Frank Munro and England Under-23 candidate John McAlle won the central defensive spots.

At the end of that season, Derek Dooley moved in with a successful £50,000 bid and he has proved a real winner in the Wednesday set-up, showing all the qualities of a man who played in well over 100 First Division games for Wolves.

"He has brought experience to our back-four," says Dooley, who didn't take long to decide that Holsgrove was the best choice for club skipper.

# POINTS ON PLAYERS

■ Appearance details to start of season

**KEN BURTON, full-back.** Born Sheffield, 11th February, 1950. Originally a wing-half and a Youth international, but now converted into a full-back. Height: 5 ft 8 in. Weight: 11 st 6 lb. League appearances: 57. Goals: 2.

**DAVE CLEMENTS, midfield.** Born Larne, Northern Ireland, 16th September, 1945. Joined Sheffield from Coventry in August 1971. An Irish international, having made 26 appearances.

**ROY COYLE** Born Belfast 31st January, 1948. Joined Sheffield from Glenfortran in April 1972. Made League debut at Blackpool on December 16th.

**TOMMY CRAIG, midfield.** Born Aberdeen, 21st November, 1950. Captain of Scotland Youth team and signed by Wednesday for a club record of £100,000, on 7th May, 1969. Height: 5 ft 6 in. Weight: 11 st. League appearances: 116. Goals: 19.

**PETER GRUMMITT, goalkeeper.** Born Bourne, Lincs., 19th August, 1942. Signed from Nottingham Forest, 26th January, 1970. England Under-23 international. Height: 5 ft 11 in. Weight: 11 st 5 lb. League appearances: 89.

**WILLIE HENDERSON, winger.** Scottish international who was signed from Glasgow Rangers on 10th July, 1972. Signed for Rangers on his 17th birthday. Capped for Scotland 35 times and made his debut against Wales when still only 17.

**BRIAN JOICEY, forward.** Born at Winlaton, Northumberland, 19th December, 1945. Joined Wednesday from Coventry along with Clements in August, 1971. Made 39 League appearances and was leading goalscorer in season 1971-72 with 16 goals.

**MICK PRENDERGAST, forward.** Born Denaby Main, 24th November, 1950.



**DAVE CLEMENTS**

Joined the club after playing with Don and Dearne Boys. Height: 5 ft 8 in. Weight: 12 st. League appearances: 77. Goals: 27.

**PETER RODRIGUES, full-back.** Current Welsh international. Signed from Leicester, 15th October, 1970. Debut against Charlton, 17th October, 1970. Formerly with Cardiff. Height: 5 ft 9 in. Weight: 11 st 6 lb. League appearances: 62.

**JACK SINCLAIR, winger.** Born Dunfermline, 21st August, 1943. Signed from Newcastle, 16th December, 1969. Debut

against Sunderland, 26th December. Height: 5 ft 6 in. Weight: 10 st 8 lb. League appearances: 97. Goals: 14.

**JOHN SISSONS, winger.** Born Hayes, Middlesex, 13th September, 1945. Signed from West Ham, 1st August, 1970. Debut against Bolton, 2nd September, 1971. Height: 5 ft 7 in. Weight: 11 st. League appearances: 77. Goals: 11.

**PETER SPRINGETT, goalkeeper.** Born Fulham, 8th May, 1946. Signed from Queen's Park Rangers, 22nd May, 1967, in a unique part-exchange deal for his international brother, Ron. Height: 5 ft 10 in. Weight: 12 st. League appearances: 112.

**DAVID SUNLEY, forward.** Born at Skelton, Yorks., 6th February, 1952. League debut against Birmingham, 12th December, 1970. Height: 5 ft 9 in. Weight: 11 st 3 lb. League appearances: 33. Goals: 4.

**ALAN THOMPSON, defender.** Born Liverpool, 20th January, 1952. Former captain of Liverpool Boys. Debut against Queen's Park Rangers, 12th September, 1970. Height: 5 ft 10 in. Weight: 11 st. League appearances: 57.

**SAMUEL TODD, defender.** Born in Belfast, 22nd September, 1945. Signed from Burnley, May, 1970. Northern Ireland international.

**PETER EUSTACE, midfield.** Born Stocksbridge, Yorks. Joined Wednesday as an apprentice and came through to make 173 League appearances before being transferred to West Ham in January, 1970.

**JIM CRAIG, full-back.** Signed from Celtic early this month for a fee in the region of £10,000. Aged 29, he is a qualified dentist and intends to practice in Sheffield, as he did in Glasgow after qualifying in 1966.

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# MAN ABOUT TOWN



Ken Goodeve, who came South from Old Trafford two seasons ago in the cause of ambition, is now drawing on his reserves of patience as his professional career ticks over in the Second eleven.

But, like all players who have a solid streak of loyalty built into their make-up, Ken has managed to counter the disappointment of being permanently in the wings by taking the skipper's responsibility of Luton's Mid-week League side.

"I will never be entirely content to play in reserve football, for it lacks so much compared to environment of the League side.

It's difficult to reach the peaks of your ability when there is no atmosphere and the ground is virtually empty.

"Some players groan when a crowd starts having a go at them. But that is a risk I would certainly undertake just to get the chance of a lift from them, because, make no mistake, a crowd's support for a team and its individuals is one of the biggest boosts in an afternoon."

Yet, for Ken, his duty in the shadow squad is somewhat different to his colleagues because he is learning, from match to match, the responsibilities which make a good captain. Respect and trust are two big qualities for any player to have endowed upon him.

First groomed in Sir Matt Busby's nursery sides, sweeper Goodeve obviously possessed such credits when he was asked to take control in the reserves. Last season, he earned a glowing testimonial from Luton's previous boss who said: "Ken has a wonderful professional approach to the game in every respect. He is a dedicated man in training and gives a 100 per cent effort all the time."

Ken says: "I wish we were able to take on sides from the big clubs like United, Everton, Derby, Liverpool, etc, because if we did, I am sure it would get individuals sharper and make them better players."

Ken swops ideas on methods and tactical planning with Ken Whitfield, the assistant coach who has groomed a side around Goodeve good enough for people to think that they will eventually top the table at the end of the season.

The attack has cascaded in the goals. But there is more than a measure of credit due for the defence, where the Goodeve discipline has prevented them from getting casual and adopting a sightseer's role as the goals fly in the other end.

Among the regular supporters who turn out to watch Luton's reserves and, in particular, the performance of Ken Goodeve is his wife, Hilary. "We got married seven months ago and now she is a converted soccer fan. But I cannot get on with her father—on matters about football. He is an avid Manchester City fan. But, despite the cloudy days at United, I insist there is only one club in Manchester and off we go into an Alf Garnett act—though not quite so colourful."

So far, Ken has been forced to build his future beneath the surface of the League level. Yet he is still within reach of that elusive spot before the big crowds. His position as sweeper demands a flawless performance every 90 minutes because one mistake in such situations virtually means a gift to the opposition. Eventually his experience will mould a man capable of undertaking such a vital role in League football and that will be a reward for Ken Goodeve's patience and loyalty to Luton.



TOWN TALK

Pickwick International, of Leighton Buzzard, again offer six L.P. records for a 'Guess the Gate' competition on the match against Orient on 6th January, 1973. Entries should reach Luton Town Promotions, 70-71 Kenilworth Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, by mid-day on 6th January.

Winners of the competition for the Mill-wall game were: Mr J. H. Bower, 63 Manor Road, Caddington. Mr C. Ayres, 34 Grasmere Avenue, Luton. Miss J. Stevens, 174 London Road, Biggleswade. Master P. Vann, 14 Corncrake Close, Stopsley. Mr I. Mason, Dinglewell, Kingsway, Stanbridge, Leyton Buzzard. Mr P. R. Garner, 40 Napier Street, Bletchley.

Your Road Route to Preston, 30th December, 1972 . . .

Leave by Dunstable Road, A.505 to M.1 motorway. Follow signs 'Birmingham M.1', Newport Pagnell service area, Watford Gap service area. Intersection 19, follow signs 'North West, Coventry, Birmingham M.6'. Corley service area. Intersection 8,

follow signs 'North West M.6'. Hilton Park service area. Continue on the M.6. Keele service area, follow sign 'Preston M.6'. Knutsford service area, continue 'Preston M.6'. Charnock Richard service area. Continue on M.6. Bamber Bridge Inter-section, follow signs 'Preston A.6'. At a quarter of a mile on, roundabout take second road. Beware—Level Crossing at Bamber Bridge. Preston (Chorley Road). Total distance: 188 miles.

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Mid-week League Appearances and Goals Scored . . .

	Apps	Goals		Apps	Goals
Carrick	13	—	Slough	1	—
Price	14	—	Gilchrist	4	—
Shanks	7	1	Hatch	6	—
Goodeve	11	—	Castiello	5	—
Moore	8	2	Garner	2	1
Sparks	9	—	Faulkner	1	—
Hindson	9	4	Ealing	3	—
Hales	14	13	Fern	3	—
Jones	14	3	Bath	1	—
Harfield	13	2	Anderson	1	—
Litt	13	4	French	2	—
Robinson	2	—	O'Connor	2	—

Mid-week Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
LUTON TOWN	14	8	5	1	34	12	21
Brighton & Hove A	12	6	4	2	22	14	16
Watford	12	6	2	4	16	19	14
Southend United	10	4	4	2	18	8	12
Northampton	11	5	2	4	22	14	12
Charlton Athletic	10	5	0	5	17	19	10
Orient	10	4	2	4	12	16	10
Cambridge United	11	4	2	5	16	21	10
Gillingham	10	2	3	5	9	20	7
Millwall	12	2	2	8	19	27	6
Colchester United	10	2	0	8	7	22	4

FORTHCOMING MATCHES . .

Saturday, 6th January, 1973  
Football League Division Two  
LUTON TOWN v ORIENT  
at Kenilworth Road, Kick-off: 3-00

Wednesday, 10th January, 1973  
Mid-week League  
LUTON RES v BRIGHTON RES  
at Kenilworth Road, Kick-off: 7-30

Saturday, 13th January, 1973  
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LUTON TOWN v CREWE  
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LEAGUE DIVISION TWO										Up to and including Saturday, 16th December, 1972										†League games only									
HOME					AWAY					TEAMS					*HOME GATES		LEADING SCORERS												
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L						F	A	P	Best	Average	(Including League and Cup games)									
21	6	3	1	20	10	5	6	0	15	9	31	BURNLEY	14,804	12,445	Fletcher 10, James 8, Dobson 7														
22	6	4	2	21	10	4	3	3	15	13	27	BLACKPOOL	15,043	11,486	Ainscow 9, Suddick 8, Burns, 6 Dyson 6														
21	5	4	1	22	11	4	5	2	15	15	27	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	17,356	12,723	Givens 13, Bowles 9, Leach 4, Francis 4														
21	7	3	2	13	6	3	3	3	9	12	26	ASTON VILLA	24,843	29,491	Rioch 7, Evans 6, Vowden 4														
22	7	1	3	18	10	3	3	5	9	12	24	OXFORD UNITED	13,412	9,460	Curran 10, Cassidy 6, Clarke D 5														
21	3	5	4	18	17	6	1	2	12	8	24	LUTON TOWN	13,670	11,142	Halom 10, Aston 7														
22	4	3	3	9	7	5	3	4	11	11	24	PRESTON NORTH END	18,822	11,886	Tarbuck 5, Young 5, Bruce 4, Wilson 4														
22	5	3	2	11	9	3	5	4	9	14	24	MIDDLESBROUGH	24,145	12,484	Hickton 7, Mills 5, Smith 4														
23	7	1	3	23	13	2	4	6	15	22	23	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	30,197	19,850	Joicey 9, Craig 6, Sunley 5														
21	5	4	2	18	10	2	4	4	11	15	22	FULHAM	17,576	10,341	Mitchell 8, Earle 7, Mullery 5														
21	7	1	3	26	14	1	4	5	6	13	21	CARLISLE UNITED	10,969	7,194	Owen 12, Laidlaw 7, Balderstone 5														
22	1	5	4	8	11	6	2	4	17	16	21	BRISTOL CITY	15,648	13,281	Gow 6, Spiring 6, Gould 6														
22	5	4	2	14	11	2	3	6	9	18	21	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	18,082	10,132	Galley 8, Lyall 4, O'Neill 4														
22	5	5	2	22	12	1	3	6	7	16	20	HULL CITY	13,426	9,048	Pearson 10, Holme 7														
22	4	5	1	15	12	2	3	7	14	20	20	SWINDON TOWN	15,304	10,492	Peplow 7, Treacy 7														
22	5	2	3	13	9	2	3	7	16	19	19	MILLWALL	13,207	10,695	Wood 10, Bolland 8, Possee 4														
21	4	5	2	10	8	1	4	5	9	16	19	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	12,840	8,737	Gowling 8, Smith D 4														
21	3	5	2	12	10	2	3	6	14	22	18	SUNDERLAND	18,717	13,865	Lathan 7, Tueart 5, Kerr 4, Porterfield 4														
21	7	1	3	20	12	0	3	7	7	22	18	CARDIFF CITY	16,364	12,104	Woodruff 6, Bell 5, McCulloch 5														
22	4	4	3	13	12	1	4	6	7	15	18	ORIENT	9,492	5,913	Downing 6, Queen 5														
22	3	2	7	11	16	2	4	4	11	15	16	PORTSMOUTH	16,419	10,137	Piper 6, Lewis 5, Reynolds 4														
22	1	6	3	14	18	1	3	8	10	28	13	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	18,699	15,922	Murray 7, Irvine 6, Beamish 4, Spearritt 4														

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 72-73				MID-WEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES—SEASON 1972-73					
Date	Opponents	Att	F A	Date	Opponent	F A	Date	Opponent	F A
Aug 12	Cardiff City	16,364	1 2	Aug 23	Gillingham	7 0	Dec 5	Northampton Town	1 1
19	Preston North End	11,507	1 0	30	Brighton & Hove A	1 0	13	Colchester United	1 0
26	Orient	6,494	1 0	Sept 6	Cambridge United	5 0	Jan 3	Millwall	
30	Oxford United	10,891	0 1	27	Cambridge United	1 1	10	Brighton & Hove	
Sept 2	Huddersfield Town	8,133	4 1	Oct 11	Millwall	2 1	17	Orient	
5	Birmingham City (L.C.2)	20,962	1 1	18	Watford	1 1	24	Southend United	
9	Nottingham Forest	9,495	1 0	25	Watford	1 1	31	Charlton Athletic	
13	Birmingham City	13,806	1 1	Nov 1	Gillingham	1 1	Feb 7	Watford L.C.	
	(L.C. first replay)			8	Northampton T.	4 2	14	Watford L.C.	
16	Brighton & Hove Albion	11,627	2 1	15	Southend United	1 1	28	Northampton L.C.	
20	Birmingham City	11,139	0 1	21	Charlton Athletic	1 2	Mar 6	Northampton L.C.	
	(L.C. second replay)			29	Colchester United	5 1	14	Orient	
23	Sheffield Wednesday	18,913	0 4						
26	Swindon Town	8,469	2 0						
30	Burnley	12,197	2 2						
Oct 7	Blackpool	12,073	2 2						
14	Sunderland	13,394	2 0						
18	Portsmouth	9,813	2 2						
21	Hull City	11,560	1 2						
28	Bristol City	13,562	1 0						
Nov 4	Swindon Town	10,596	0 1						
11	Portsmouth	7,571	2 2						
18	Aston Villa	29,144	2 0						
25	Carlisle United	10,091	0 1						
Dec 2	Fulham	Postponed							
9	Q.P.R.	13,670	2 2						
16	Millwall	11,550	2 2						
23	Middlesbrough								
26	Sheffield Wednesday								
30	Preston North End								
Jan 6	Orient								
13	Crewe (F.A. Cup 3)								
20	Huddersfield Town								
27	Nottingham Forest								
Feb 3	F.A. Cup—4								
10	Brighton & Hove Albion								
17	Cardiff City								
24	Millwall (F.A. Cup—5)								
Mar 3	Blackpool								
10	Sunderland								
17	Hull City (F.A. Cup—6)								
24	Bristol City								
31	Carlisle United								
Apr 7	Fulham (F.A. Cup—S.F.)								
14	Queen's Park Rangers								
21	Aston Villa								
23	Middlesbrough								
24	Burnley								
28	Oxford United								
May 5	F.A. Cup—Final								

# BACKTRACK

**MATCH:** LUTON TOWN v QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS. **GROUND:** KENILWORTH ROAD, LUTON. **DATE:** SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1972. **ATTENDANCE:** 13,670. **COMPETITION:** FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION TWO. **TEAMS:** Luton: Barber; John Ryan, Thomson; Slough, Faulkner, Garner; Jimmy Ryan, Anderson, Butlin, Halom, Aston. Sub: Fern. Rangers: Parkes; Clement, Gillard; Venables, Mancini, Hazell; Thomas, Francis, Delve, Bowles, Givens. Sub: Leach. **SCORERS:** Luton: Butlin (10 mins), Halom (52 mins). Rangers: Givens (20 mins), Clement (29 mins). **RESULT:** Luton Town 2, Queen's Park Rangers 2. **PAPER TALK:** Roger Duckworth, *Evening Post*: "Rangers drove out of London with the intention of attacking Luton's unhappy home record and they did just that. They even attacked after Luton had been given a golden start by debut boy Barry Butlin, who headed in a tenth-minute corner from Aston. For the rest of the first half, Q.P.R. looked to be the best side we have seen at Luton this season. They were faster than the Town and showed more attacking flair. But Luton had that determined air about them and, with the lights flickering out, Halom banged in an Aston cross to put them level." Roy Bentley, *The Sun*: "It was all good stuff, Q.P.R. moved around for 45 minutes with slick, speedy sophistication. And Luton, behind on the skills, staged an enthusiastic comeback."

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## FORTHCOMING MATCHES . . .

<b>Saturday, 6th January, 1973</b> Football League Division Two <b>LUTON TOWN v ORIENT</b> at Kenilworth Road, Kick-off: 3-00	<b>Saturday, 13th January, 1973</b> F.A. Cup—Third Round <b>LUTON TOWN v CREWE</b> Kick-off: 3-00 pm
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**Wednesday, 10th January, 1973**  
Mid-week League  
**LUTON RES v BRIGHTON RES**  
at Kenilworth Road, Kick-off: 7-30

# BACKTRACK





The Directors, Players and Staff of Luton Town  
Football Club wish all their Supporters  
a very Happy New Year





# MEMORY MAN

The middle Fifties saw Luton in the enviable position of being able to reinforce their defence with a full-back 'team' of Irish internationals, Brendan McNally and Bud Aherne.

The latter had been snapped up some seven years before Brendan came on the scene, a later issue for which Luton's directors had searched after congratulating themselves on buying Bud in 1949.

Born in Dublin, Brendan McNally had no interest in the Gaelic type of football which was plugged during his school hours. The hard, biting tackles and radar-accurate distribution which later cultivated an enormous following at Kenilworth Road, were the result of Brendan's practice after school hours with a soccer ball.

He recalls: "My own country's idea of football was second best to the British style and I persevered through junior sides before I got into the Irish League, eventually joining Shelbourne. It was while I was having regular games at left-back in 1956 that Luton's Vice-President, Mr England, let me know of the English club's interest in me."

Shortly afterwards, Brendan stepped off the plane at London Airport and signed for manager Dally Duncan, obviously considering his new Irishman another vital capture in his bid to bring Luton into the top bracket.

Yet Luton could quite easily have missed the man who would later progress to four international caps and play an important part in the march on Wembley, for just a year before Luton put in their bid, Spurs had been on the scent and had even brought Brendan over for a trial.

"Tottenham sent me with a side to play at Accrington. But though I thought I had a fair game, making no real errors, I never heard another single word from them."

Clearly, the talent and potential of this Dubliner escaped the eye of the Spurs and so Brendan settled down for a stay of nearly seven years at Kenilworth Road. "I had no problems in settling down, because, in addition to Bud being my full-back partner, there was also fellow Irishman Seamus Dunn and George Cummins in the side."

The first season saw Brendan share his 14 appearances an equal number of time in the full-back roles. "I really had no preference."



BRENDAN McNALLY

Brendan was one of the ever-presents who helped carry the skilled 1958-59 Luton squad through to the Cup Final. That afternoon, of course, did not actually provide the happiest hour and a half in Luton's history—but it proved a rather more miserable occasion for Brendan than the majority.

A succession of crippling injuries on the Wembley turf in Cup Finals in this era was sadly carried a stage further when the so-called notorious turf claimed Roy Dwight a victim with a broken leg. It happened in a clash as Brendan intercepted—"I was stunned when I saw Roy's injury, because I know he kicked me as I tackled, but I don't think it was anything to do with the ground."

"I think a lot of those injury tragedies stemmed from the players being keyed up and, unknowingly, being full of tension. There were no substitutes in those days and one knew that if he was injured seriously, it could wreck his team's chances—and that kind of fear, I'm sure, played on the mind."

Brendan, himself, did not come out of that Cup Final without his own 'battle scars'. He tore a cartilage which forced him to lose the chance of his very first international. But the selectors did not

forget the well-drilled and consistent performances he turned out during that campaign, for, later in 1959, the honour he had been waiting for came along with a cap against Czechoslovakia.

Yugoslavia and Iceland followed before his final recognition came when he was included in Eire World Cup squad of 1962, playing at Hampden when Scotland won 3-1.

The biggest scourge of any professional, the dreaded knee injury, forced Brendan to undergo two operations before he finally quit the League and Luton at the end of the 1962-63 season, with a total of 150 first-class games since his arrival from Dublin.

Some happy times followed with Cambridge City, where he spent five seasons skipping the Southern League side. "I enjoyed my game with this club after a cloudy finish at Luton. I swapped Cup Final stories quite often with Tommy Wilson during that time, as he was one of the nice people who cracked in the goals to beat us when he was Forest's centre-forward."

After a season as manager of Dunstable—now Brendan's home base—it's the present day good fortune of Athenian League side Chesham Town to have the experience and wisdom of Brendan McNally backing them.

"It keeps me actively involved, for I have very little time now for League soccer. It's come to a stage where it's being spoilt by referees who are too keen to stop the flow of the game by whistling for a foul at the slightest opportunity. The fans know this weakness and they bulldoze the officials into making such decisions when it suits them."

Clearly, Brendan does not have much spare time to watch top-class football even if he wanted to, because he even occupies Sundays organising the progress of Dunstable St. Mary's. "It's only a very young side. But I reckon it contains a 13-year-old lad who is a tremendous prospect. I have watched many. This youngster is only medium build—but he does everything. I think he must have a great future."

Let's hope, for Luton's sake, that the new blanket coverage which Kenilworth Road scouts are now operating gives this Brendan McNally prospect the opportunity to benefit under the new incentives being offered by Harry Haslam.

# SCORES

## List One

Arsenal v Norwich  
Coventry v W. B. Albion  
C Palace v Southampton  
Derby v Man Utd  
Everton v Birmingham  
Ipswich v Chelsea  
Leeds Utd v Newcastle  
Man City v Stoke  
Sheffield Utd v Liverpool  
Wolves v Leicester  
Aston Villa v Nottm Forest  
Blackpool v Burnley

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# SCORES

## List Two

Bristol City v Cardiff  
Carlisle v Preston  
Hull v Middlesbrough  
Oxford v Brighton  
Portsmouth v Swindon  
QPR v Orient  
Sunderland v Huddersfield  
Bournemouth v Brentford  
Notts Co v Watford  
Plymouth v Bristol Rovers  
Swansea v Shrewsbury  
Tranmere v Bolton

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# TEAMS

## LUTON TOWN

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- 2 DON SHANKS
- 3 BOBBY THOMSON
- 4 PETER ANDERSON
- 5 ALAN GARNER
- 6 JOHN RYAN
- 7 JIMMY RYAN
- 8 GRAHAM FRENCH
- 9 BARRY BUTLIN
- 10 VIC HALOM
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

## SHEFFIELD WED

Blue & White Stripes, Blue Shorts

- 1 PETER GRUMMITT
- 2 PETER RODRIGUES
- 3 DAVE CLEMENTS
- 4 ALAN THOMPSON
- 5 JOHN HOLSGROVE
- 6 TOMMY CRAIG
- 7 WILLIE HENDERSON
- 8 PETER EUSTACE
- 9 BRIAN JOICEY
- 10 MICK PRENDERGAST
- 11 ROY COYLE
- 12

### GOALSCORERS

LUTON TOWN	SHEFF WED
HALF TIME	HALF TIME
FULL TIME	FULL TIME

Referee: N. P. PAGET, Coventry

Linesmen: B. M. L. JAMES, South Croydon, *Red Flag*  
D. B. MAHONEY, Croydon, *Orange Flag*

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